

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for powderizing a non-saccharide ingredient(s) in a liquid or paste form, comprising the steps of:  
mixing said non-saccharide ingredient(s) with a saccharide composition, comprising 30 w/w % or more of  $\alpha$ -maltosyl  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose and other saccharide-derivative(s) of  $\alpha,\alpha$ -trehalose, which derivative is a non-reducing saccharide having a trehalose structure as an end unit and a glucose polymerization degree of three or more, and which saccharide composition is in an amorphous form; and  
powderizing the resulting mixture.

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said non-saccharide ingredient(s) is one selected from the group consisting of processed stockbreedings, processed marine products, processed

agricultural products, flavors, colorings, lipids, emulsifiers, functional substances, organic solvents, and agrichemical emulsions.

Claims 4-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising a step of incorporating a ~~saccharide-derivative(s) of  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$ -trehalose~~ said saccharide composition into a powdery composition in an amount of 5% (w/w) or ~~higher~~ more to the total weight of the powdery composition, on a dry solid basis.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said method for powderizing is a spray-drying method.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising a step of powderizing an emulsion mixture containing emulsifier and water with a non-saccharide ingredient(s).

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said powdery composition obtainable by the method is one selected from the group consisting of foods, beverages, cosmetics, medicated cosmetics,

pharmaceuticals, and industrial chemicals, their materials and intermediates.

12. (Previously Presented) A powdery composition comprising a non-saccharide ingredient(s) produced by the method of claim 1.

Claims 13-14. (Cancelled)